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## FOODSTUFFS INQUIRY MAKES PRICES DROP

Eggs and Potatoes Cheaper  
When Chicago Grocers Are  
Haled Into Court.

## MEAT FALL IS LIKELY

Subpoenas Served on Jobbers  
Expected to Result in An  
Immediate Decrease.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The corner in eggs and other produce appears to be smashed today. Eggs are down 5 cents below the high point. Butter has gone down 6 cents a pound. Potatoes have dropped 10 to 15 cents a bushel. Five hundred retail grocers were summoned to appear before the federal grand jury today. "Egg King" Wetz is "stranded," with 72,000,000 eggs, and admits that he has "enough of this."

## Decrease in Meat Prices Expected.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Meat prices were expected to follow the other commodities today down the toboggan, after the issue of subpoenas on meat jobbers here by District Attorney Charles Clyne. Clyne will investigate the relation between the packers and meat jobbers for evidence of collusion regarding price fixing. One banker was ordered to appear to testify regarding alleged loans to speculators and warehouse firms holding large supplies of foodstuffs in storage.

## Illegal Speculations to Be Shown?

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Government has "damaging evidence" of widespread illegal speculation on the food markets of the country, a high official intimately connected with the price investigation declared to the United Press today. This official believes the inquiry thus far tends to show "gross abuse of transportation facilities of the country."

## WILL INVESTIGATE LICENSES

### Game Commissioner to Look Up Question of Students' Hunting.

Whether University students who do not live in Boone County can be granted county hunting licenses here is a question to be definitely decided by the attorney-general, according to John G. Leslie, deputy state fish and game commissioner, who came to Columbia yesterday from Jefferson City. Mr. Leslie is here investigating reports that there are several persons in the county hunting without licenses.

"The judges of the Supreme Court at Jefferson City take out Cole County hunting licenses and hunt in that county," said Mr. Leslie, "but I don't know whether this is applicable in the case of University students. I expect to find out from the attorney-general just what the law is concerning the issuance of Boone County licenses to students who live in other counties of the state."

There are 949 licensed hunters in Boone County at present. There were 451 for the whole of last year. Mr. Leslie said that the increase was due to the better hunting this year than last. All seasons are open until January 1 except on birds that are protected for a long period, such as doves and prairie chickens.

The oldest licensed hunter in this county is R. B. Price, president of the Boone County National Bank. The youngest is Eugene Brossard, 11 years old, of Columbia. Two women, Miss Marian Rhys and Mrs. Martin DuPray, both of Columbia, have taken out hunting licenses this year.

## Father of Actress Dies.

Mrs. Clifford Gordon, who has been playing the part of Bacchus, the god of wine in "The Night Clerk," which is now running at the Hall Theater, received word today saying that her father, John Shanahan died yesterday after a lingering illness at Mount Carmel, Pa. He was 78 years old and left a wife and eight children. Mrs. Clifford made arrangements to leave for Mount Carmel this afternoon, hoping to arrive there in time for the funeral.

## Mrs. Moss to Address Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. L. W. St. Clair-Moss, president of Christian College, will deliver an address on "The Place of Culture in the Life of the College Woman" at the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Missouri Union Building. All University women are invited to attend.

## THE CALENDAR

Dec. 1-16.—Landscape Design Exhibit, Faculty Room (107) University Library Building.  
Dec. 13.—Interpretative recital, "Othello," Christian College, 8:15 p. m.  
Dec. 14.—Cecil Fanning concert, Phi Mu Alpha series, University Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.  
Dec. 15.—Yellowstone National Park Travelogue at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium by Charles Norton Hunt.  
Dec. 16.—"The Magistrate" by Pinero at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.  
Dec. 19.—Concert by the University Cadet Band at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium.  
Dec. 21.—Christmas holidays begin at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.  
Jan. 3.—Christmas holidays end at 8 a. m. Wednesday.

## Hotel Snapp's Manager Dies.

By United Press  
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Dec. 8.—Frank L. Taylor, manager of the Hotel Snapp here, formerly with Kansas City hotels, died unexpectedly at noon today. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause of his death.

## GARDNER TO RETRENCH

### Refuses Personal Allowance Morton Says School Fund Will Be Paid.

By United Press  
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—In connection with his program of economy, Governor-elect Frederick D. Gardner told the Missouri Tax Commission today that he would start out by "getting along without" the \$7,500 biennial appropriation for the governor's contingent fund. Gardner also took a rap at the supernumerary clerks of the state legislature, saying that, in talks with many senators and representatives, all of them seemed to be agreed that "all useless clerks should be dispensed with."

Senator Frank Morton of Richmond, Mo., chairman of the appropriation committee of the last Senate, startled the Tax Commission in its session at the Planters Hotel today by challenging Colonel Gardner's statement of a deficit of \$2,000,000 in the state treasury January 1, 1917. Gardner had just called the new Tax Commission into being and told it of a certain deficit.

After listening to some of the substance and declared that the last legislature had not over-appropriated or authorized expenditures of money in excess of the revenue. He said that on Thursday he was told by the state auditor that the \$300,000 due the schools January 1 would be paid, "every cent of it."

## WILL GIVE A VARIED PROGRAM

### Recital Planned at Wilkes Boulevard M. E. Church.

A varied program will be given at the Wilkes Boulevard Methodist Church tonight. The program to be rendered is as follows: Vocal solo, Nannie Lee Dodson; reading, Loretta Houschild; vocal duet, Rachel and Ruth Burnette; reading, Nannie Lee Dodson; vocal solo, Alice Gagen; reading, Lucretia Brinton; duet, Olga and Christine Houschild; reading, Mrs. Noel Edwards; vocal solo, Waldrena Edwards; reading, Miss Anne Hickman of Christian College; solo, Miss May Parker; piano solo, Minnie Serree; reading, Miss May Parker; solo, Fern Elliott; reading, Mrs. Maud Martin; quartet, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Woodworth, Miss Burnette, Mr. Jennings; reading, Mrs. Brossard; trio, Mrs. Maud Martin, Dorothy and Lewis Martin; reading, Elorita Stidham; violin solo, Sallie Love Banks; dramatic reading, George S. Starrett; quartet, Elliott, Everett, Watson and Astorff.

## DID NOT RERENT SAMPSON HALL

### Board of Curators Decided Not to Use It as Dormitory Next Year.

There will be no Sampson Hall Dormitory next year. At its last meeting, the Board of Curators of the University decided not to rent the building from the owners, W. W. Tucker of Columbia and Morton H. Pemberton, living near Centralia, when the lease expires September 1, 1917. No definite plans have been made for a girls' dormitory. The building probably will be used during the next Summer Session.

## To Plan Wilson Inauguration.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The House today named Representative Rucker of Missouri, Garratt of Tennessee and McKinley of Illinois to make the House arrangements for the second inauguration of President Wilson on March 5.

## M. U. HOGS GET TWO FIRSTS; CATTLE, ONE

Local Stock Places Well at the Annual International Show in Chicago.

## DUROC - JERSEYS WIN

Prof. H. O. Allison Says Animals were Exhibited Under Disadvantages.

The cattle from the College of Agriculture exhibited at the International Livestock Show at Chicago this week won seven places. One of them was a first, two were seconds, one a third, and three fifths. This shows more positions than there were cattle exhibited, but this is due to some of them entering more than one class.

Missouri's cattle were shown under a big disadvantage, said H. C. Allison of the animal husbandry department of the College of Agriculture. They were unloaded in Chicago at 11 o'clock on Monday, and were led into the show ring two hours later. They were not given time to eat, drink or rest. Under better conditions they would have placed better, said Mr. Allison. The awards follow:

Senior Shorthorn calf, 1st; senior Hereford calf, 2nd; junior yearling Hereford steer, 2nd; Hereford herd of three head, 3rd; senior yearling Hereford steer, 5th; senior grade or crossbred calf, 5th; Aberdeen-Angus calf, 5th; yearling Galloway steer, 5th.

The hogs exhibited by the College won twelve places. They range from two first to one seventh. The one of most note was the award of champion to a barrow. This field was composed of animals only from colleges. Missouri's entry won first. Nine other colleges competed. The other awards follow:

Pen under 6 months old Berkshires, 3rd; pen under 6 months old Poland-China, 4th and 5th; pen under 12 months old Poland-China, 5th and 7th; pen of five barrows from one sire, 5th; under 6 months old Duroc Jersey, 3rd; pen under 6 months old Duroc Jersey, 2nd; under 12 months old Duroc Jersey, 1st and 2nd; pen under 12 months old Duroc Jersey, 1st; champion Duroc Jersey barrow, and champion pen of Duroc Jersey barrows.

## WOULD HELP BELGIANS

### Senator Lodge Introduces a Resolution Condemning German Deportations.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Lodge today introduced a copy of the resolution adopted by the American Rights League at Boston condemning the deportation from Belgium of non-combatants and calling upon Congress to "support the President of the United States in every measure he undertakes to maintain America's traditional position as the friend of freedom and the champion of all the oppressed."

## MISS FRANCES GLANDON DIES

### Received B. S. Degree in Education Here in 1912.

Frances Glandon, a graduate of University, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home in Mexico. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Glandon and a sister of Miriam Glandon, a student in the University. She is survived by her parents, two sisters, Miriam and Mildred, and one brother, Joseph, who is also a former student. Several of the members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, of which Miss Glandon was a member, will attend the funeral at Mexico tomorrow.

Miss Glandon received her B. S. degree in Education here in 1912. She was 23 years old.

## FOOD QUESTION BEFORE CABINET

### President Wilson in Conference About U. S. Situation.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson this afternoon laid before his Cabinet advisers all information government departments have collected and given him on the high-price-of-food question. Later today or tomorrow the President will confer with Assistant Attorney General Anderson, appointed recently to conduct the federal probe into the food situation. Anderson is understood to have told White House attaches today that "it won't take long to conclude certain phases of the probe."

## RETIRING RUMANIANS CUT OFF BY TEUTONS

Germans Prepare Powerful Offensive Against Allied Forces in Macedonia.

## FRANCE HAS CRISIS

Asquith Backs Lloyd-George—Ship Suffren Thought To Be Lost.

By United Press  
BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The German advance beyond Bucharest and Ploesti has proceeded so rapidly that the Rumanian forces on the frontier mountains in the Predeal and Altchunz passes have had their retreat cut off, the war office statement asserted today.

## Monastir Front Is Being Reinforced.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—German troops along the whole Monastir front are being strongly reinforced, according to advices from Saloniki today. Presumably these forces are being directed from the Rumanian front. It is believed that the Germans are preparing for a powerful offensive against the Franco-Serbian-Italian-British forces in Macedonia.

## Liberals to Support Lloyd-George.

By United Press  
LONDON, Dec. 8.—A meeting of the Liberal party today adopted resolutions of confidence in their leader, former Premier Asquith, and of determination to support the Lloyd-George government.

## French Battleship Believed Lost.

By United Press  
PARIS, Dec. 8.—The French battleship Suffren is officially classed as lost in a statement made by the ministry of marine today. Apparently all hands were lost. The Suffren left Gibraltar for L'Orient November 24 and has not been heard from since. L'Orient is a seaport naval depot at the mouth of the River Scorff, Brittany.

## France May Change Government, Too.

By United Press  
PARIS, Dec. 8.—Like England, France is preparing a "reconstruction government." The change will not be one of the cabinet; it will be a new organization of the general staff and concentration of war conduct under restrictive direction.

## MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SOLD

### New York Life Insurance Company Pays \$2,000,000 at Auction.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Madison Square Garden was sold at auction today to the New York Life Insurance Company, at \$2,000,000.

## By United Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Madison Square Garden, from the tip of whose dome the whirling Diana once waved greeting to the Statue of Liberty far down the bay, was on the auction block today to satisfy a \$2,300,000 mortgage held by the New York Life Insurance Company.

The garden, last vestige of the old Madison Square Garden Company financed by J. Pierpont Morgan, Darius O. Mills, James B. Darling and others in 1885, is valued at \$4,000,000 and is the largest single piece of downtown property than can be bought in New York.

The old Fifth Avenue Hotel is gone long since. The Eden Musee, too has disappeared; now the Garden, last and greatest landmark of the Madison Square district of generations ago, is about to pass. Skyscrapers, notably the Flatiron Building and the Metropolitan, have closed in on the old garden and buried it.

The garden, scene of innumerable horse shows, circuses, balls, mass meetings, prize fights and six-day bicycle races, never has been a financial success. It cost \$4,000,000 to build, and the promoters have lost money on it ever since.

## R. A. Clough New Grange Manager.

The University Grange has elected Robert S. Clough master, to succeed John W. Anthony, who will complete his work for a B. S. in Ag this semester and will not be here for the next. Miss Harriet Wright and Mr. Clough gave short talks at the last meeting on how to make farm life more attractive.

## Mr. and Mrs. Ganz Return Home.

Phillip Ganz and wife of Macon returned home today after a visit in Columbia. They were accompanied by their niece, a student in the University.

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Fair tonight, colder; temperature to about 15. Fair Saturday and Sunday with rising temperature.

For Missouri: Fair tonight, colder east and south portions. Fair with slowly rising temperature Saturday. Sunday fair. Fresh northwest winds diminishing.

## Weather Conditions.

The atmospheric depression, mentioned in our report of yesterday morning, is traveling slowly eastward, and now dominates the weather throughout the Mississippi Valley and much of the country east.

As a result of this disturbance precipitation has fallen over considerable territory which includes Texas, all of the Mississippi Valley, including the eastern half of Missouri, the Lake region, and most of the Ohio Valley. The rain belt will likely embrace all of the eastern states during the next twenty-four hours.

The high pressure wave, with its accompanying clear and cold weather, has swept southward more rapidly than eastward, and as a consequence freezing weather has reached Northern Mexico through Arizona, while to the east the freezing line passes through Central Missouri.

Fair and cold weather will obtain in Columbia over Saturday and Sunday, but the weather will moderate slowly beginning with Saturday afternoon. There will be a hard freeze tonight.

## Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 66, and the lowest last night was 30; precipitation, 1.14; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 86 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 47, and the lowest 32; precipitation, .00.

## The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 7:16 a. m. Sun sets, 4:47 p. m.

## Moon sets 6:35 a. m.

## The Temperature Today.

7 a. m. 30 11 a. m. 28

8 a. m. 28 12 m. 28

9 a. m. 27 1 p. m. 28

10 a. m. 28 2 p. m. 27

## WILL ASK SHOWDOWN

### Administration Must Know Just How Far-Reaching Germany's Pledges Are.

By CARL D. GROAT  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Administration's present intention with regard to the German-American submarine situation is to get a complete showdown on just how far-reaching and inclusive Germany's pledges to America are.

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## ANCHOR LINE SHIP MAY BE SUNK

### Lloyds Announces That Caledonia Is Believed to Be Lost.

By United Press  
LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Anchor Line ship Caledonia is believed sunk, Lloyds announced today.

The Caledonia was one of six transatlantic passenger steamers operated by the Anchor Line Company between New York and Glasgow. The liner was built in 1904 at Glasgow by D. & W. Henderson. It was of 9222 tonnage and had 10200 horsepower. By dimensions, it was 515 feet long, 58 feet wide and 36 feet deep. The Caledonia was one of the smallest steamers in transatlantic service.

## THEY MARRY IN HALF A MINUTE

### Ashland Couple Break Record in Local Courthouse Wedding.

Married in half a minute—this was the record set by Delmar Nichols, 21 years old, and Miss Loy Velma Richardson, 18 years old, of Ashland, in the Boone County Courthouse. Arriving in Columbia at 9 o'clock, they went to the courthouse where the license was issued. At the request of the bride, the ceremony was made short and snappy.

Immediately after breaking the record, the couple returned to their home at Ashland, where Mr. Nichols is engaged in farming.

Elmer Nichols, a twin brother, accompanied the young couple to Columbia and witnessed the ceremony, which meant the first separation from his brother.

## AMERICAN KILLED BY BANDITS

### Officials Report Doctor Fisher Was Slain at Santa Rosalia.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The State Department received official reports today that Doctor Fisher, an American, has been killed by bandits at Santa Rosalia, Mexico.

## AGE TO CONTEST YOUTH TODAY

### Men Will Be Pitted Against Boys in Chicago Factory Experiment.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Ten thousand men between 45 and 65 years old will be put into Chicago factories to be pitted against youths to test the theory that all men over 45 should be relegated to the scrap-heap of industry.

## PRESIDENT WILSON MAY VISIT COLUMBIA

Dean Walter Williams and Speaker Champ Clark Extended Invitation.

## CONFER AT CAPITAL

Chief Executive Plans Trip West In Spring—Speak Journalism Week?

It is probable that President Wilson will visit Columbia and the University of Missouri next spring to speak during Journalism Week, May 7 to 12. An invitation to the chief executive from President A. Ross Hill was extended yesterday afternoon by Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism, who, with Speaker Champ Clark, had a conference with the President at the White House.

After the invitation Mr. Wilson said that he would seriously consider making a trip West in the spring after Congress adjourned in March, and that if he did so he would accept the invitation of the University of Missouri. Dean Williams left for Washington Tuesday afternoon on his way to the University of North Carolina to speak before the first Journalism Week gathering there. Speaker Clark made the appointment with the President for yesterday afternoon and the invitation from Missouri was extended. After the conference Dean Williams left Washington to return tomorrow night to attend a dinner of the Gridiron Club. If President Wilson comes to Columbia it will be the first time a chief executive of the United States has spoken at the University during his tenure of office.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS

### Two Columbians Chosen As Officers To Serve Three Years.

The executive committee of the State Historical Society of Missouri elected the following officers yesterday afternoon for three years: President, Walter B. Stevens, St. Louis; first vice-president, George A. Mahan, Hannibal; second vice-president, Louis Houck, Cape Girardeau; third vice-president, John H. Bothwell, Sedalia; fourth vice-president, Cornelius Roach, Carthage; fifth vice-president, Louis T. Golding, St. Joseph; sixth vice-president, E. N. Hopkins, Lexington; treasurer, R. B. Price, of Columbia.

The trustees of the society, elected yesterday for three years, are: John Rothensteiner, St. Louis; C. H. McClure, Warrensburg; G. W. Martin, Brookfield; J. West Goodwin, Sedalia; Philip Ganz, Macon; Isidor Loeb, Columbia; Rollin J. Britton, Kansas City; William Southern, Jr., Independence.

Captain John B. White of Kansas City was elected trustee of the society in place of Judge H. C. McDougal, of Kansas City, deceased for the term ending in 1918.

Some of the out-of-town visitors who attended the meeting of the Historical Society were: Colonel R. M. White, Mexico; Colonel J. West Goodwin, Sedalia; Philip Ganz, Macon; Lieutenant-Governor William R. Painter, Carrollton.

## MOTHERS' CLUB MAKES PLANS

### Equipment to Be Used in Lee School New Addition Decided Upon.

The Mothers' Club met yesterday afternoon at the Lee School to decide upon the equipment that will be used in the new home economic and manual training rooms which are being added to the Lee School building. J. E. McPherson, talked and assisted in planning for the equipment.

The two rooms will be completed about the middle of January, when a house warming will be given to introduce the new work and get the patrons of that ward acquainted with the work. The seventh grade pupils of Lee School have been using the high school laboratories for this work. When these rooms are completed they can do the work in the Lee School.

## Against Federal Ownership.

### By United Press

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Government ownership of railroads was vigorously advocated by Frederick C. Howe, commissioner of Immigration of the port of New York before the land and immigration section of the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits today. His declaration aroused much commotion among the delegates because of the fact that he is an appointee of President Wilson.